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The enclosed references were cited in a Communication issued by the European Patent Office (copy enclosed). Applicant hereby certifies that each of the above items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-293021 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,870,468. It is respectfully requested that the above-listed documents be made of record in the present application

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